



## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 17, 2022

PLACE: Remote meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Moyer (Chair), Bob Hidell, Tom Morahan, Elliott Place, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Kathy Reardon, Maria Zade, Nancy Wiley, and Alyson Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Porter and Carlos DaSilva

GUESTS: Joseph Griffin, Ginny LeClair, Tanya Bodell, Brianna Bennett, Brenda Black, Paul Sprecher, John Borger

ATTACHMENTS: 2022.6.29 CAPC Minutes, 2022.8.3 CAPC Minutes, CAPC Straw Proposal for Public Engagement Mtgs. 2022.9.14 #2A in-person and 2022.9.28 #2B Zoom

The Chair called the duly noticed meeting to order at 7:07 PM, and presented the Virtual Open Meeting Protocol and Procedures as outlined in the Governor's Chapter 20 Pandemic Directive of 2021. The Chair further explained that in order to provide an opportunity for all to provide input, participants should raise their hand to indicate a desire to speak. Once the participant is recognized by the Chair, s/he should keep the remarks to agenda, and be succinct and respectful. If the participant does not, s/he will receive a warning from the Chair. If the participant continues to violate the norms, s/he will not be recognized to speak by the chair.

**Agenda Item 1.** Continued discussions with Energyzt on climate planning efforts, focusing on waste, possible grants and incentives, alternative approaches for decarbonization, and various recommendations.

**Ginny:** Recycling has been hampered by lack of processing. We need to discuss how Hingham can reduce solid waste aiming toward net zero by increased recycling and composting, etc.:

- Public education about how to recycle, compost food waste, etc.
- Expand compost programs
- Mass Waste Reduction Plan 2030.
- Create a Hingham Solid Waste Management Plan
- Access grants
- MassRecycles.org or Mass Recycles on Face Book great resource for citizens to learn.
- Eliminating single-use plastic bags, bottles, etc.
- Increase the #s and kinds of objects (beyond books, CDs, DVDs) available for lending from library, e.g. projectors and other media technology
- Other details can be found in Energyzt's Power Point Waste Management presentation (attached).



**Brianna** brought up grant possibilities and asked what's necessary, to tap into those grants, e.g. a solid waste management plan.

**Bob:** We need Manufacturer/Producer Responsibility

**Brianna:** How about a town mandate or fine for big commercial producers of waste.

**Kathy:** Manufacturer Responsibility would require state regulation

**Bob:** There's a complex chain of responsibility for waste

**Maria:** We should lean toward eliminating problem items that are not being recycled, e.g. plastic bags and bottles

**Paul Sprecher:** Linden Ponds is dealing with a lot of these recycling issues; now implementing a textile recycling; will soon have to recycle food scraps (going over a ton of food scraps)

**Maria:** Hingham is working with the water company and planning a Hingham Exchange textile recycling. A lot is going on, but we need to encourage reaching out to citizens. Doesn't Stop and Shop have food scrap recycling and can't we tap into that?

**Alyson:** We need a lot more education about these things. A regular cycle of education in the schools is necessary. Stop and Shop recycles some of those plastic bags

**Ginny** brought up Anaerobic Digesters to use methane for energy production; they are being used in Maine and other states.

**Brad** asked whether Anaerobic Digesters actually reduce carbon emissions

**Bob:** Require producers that sell to the Town to certify the process of their production. Money is the big incentive

**Elliott:** Producers need to be paying the true carbon cost of production (the embodied cost, if you will) which is what Carbon Pricing goes after but corporations will fight it tooth and nail, and this is beyond our capacity as Hingham's Climate Action Planning Committee.

**Tom:** Should we be thinking about how to recycle newer items such as lithium batteries and solar panels.

During the discussion, Brad updated the Energyzt waste presentation in red to capture comments made by Committee members to add as components for consideration under the Waste planning element. Ginny will take those updates and incorporate them for review and consideration at the Public Engagement session.

**Agenda Item 2.** Review and select a plan for the next Public Engagement session(s), which is set to take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Consideration of straw poll to have two PE sessions, the first as previously decided on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, in-person, the second proposed for Sept. 20, Zoom, building on the in-person session. Details in the Straw Poll document.

**Kathy:** How is this different than what we did before with Public Engagement?

**Brad:** Now we have a complete list for each of the four pillars/elements. This time would be more of an opportunity for more input. Last time we spent a lot of time presenting; this time we're listening.

**Maria:** How we sell it is important, e.g. Here's what we've come up with. What do you think? Also, folks should have a take away.

**Ginny:** Teasers once a week showing action items to instigate reactions.

**Brianna:** Bring money issue out.



**Kathy:** Informational Materials should be available

**Maria:** Teasers should name names, streets, etc.

**Bob:** Some kind of raffle prizes

**Brad:** Preferred/recommended vendor list, a problem?

**Maria:** Clipboard sign in, capture email and hand out QR for survey.

After discussion concluded, Brad moved to adopt the Straw Proposal as drafted, which Elliott seconded. After opportunity for more discussion passed, the Committee unanimously

**RESOLVED, that the Committee adopt the Hingham CAPC Public Meeting #2A and B Straw Proposal as presented at the meeting; that the Committee authorizes in its name members of the regional and community engagement working groups to contact possible speakers and vendors who may provide raffle opportunities for the public engagement sessions as discussed at the meeting; and that the Committee authorizes in its name the creation of a StoryMap video as outlined in the Straw Proposal.**

**Agenda Item 3.** Updates from the work of the various Working Groups created by the Committee.

**Elliott** asked about the Farmer's Market Table on August 13 and **Brad** reported that there were some good conversations but that there is much more education to be done as individuals at the Farmer's Market, even after reviewing the materials, were uncertain as to what our purpose was.

**Bob** mentioned that this is not our target audience since Farmer's Market folks are already in our camp. So there's more work to be done in public engagement and we need other venues to reach a more diverse audience.

**Agenda Item 4.** Other business brought before the Committee. None

**Agenda Item 5.** Review and Approval of June 29 and August 3, 2022 minutes. Both passed unanimously

**Agenda Item 6.** Possible Agenda Items for our next meeting

- Last Energyzt Pillar, Transportation Discussion
- Public Engagement Planning
- Report on town's progress in choosing Sustainability Director

The next CAPC meeting is scheduled for 7pm, August 31, 2022

**Agenda Item 7.** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elliott Place